

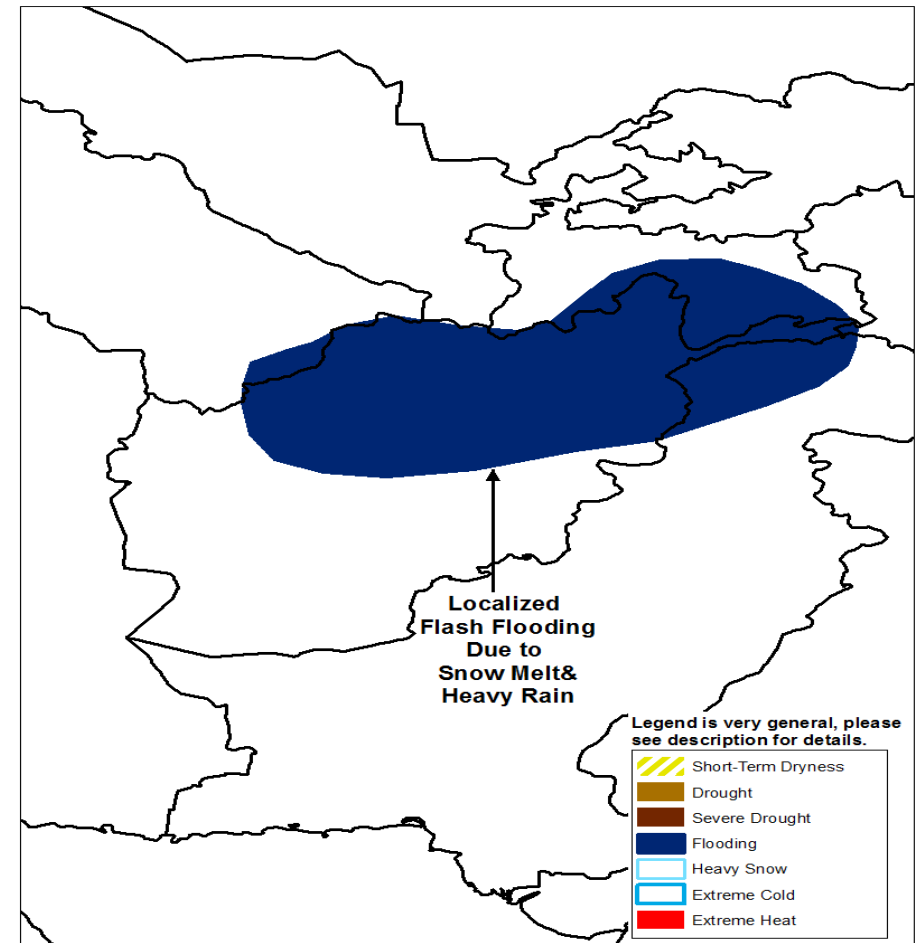
Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET May 23 - 29, 2012

Temperatures:

During early to mid-May, temperatures averaged above average for much of Afghanistan. Seasonal warmth continued to cause rapid snow melt. During the next week, temperatures are forecast to average above normal except for the northeast mountains where below normal temperatures are expected. Maximum temperatures are forecast to exceed 40 degrees C in southwest Afghanistan and warm to 35 degrees C in the lowlands of northwest Afghanistan.

Precipitation

Above average precipitation amounts during April and May combined with snow melt resulted in localized flash flooding across central and northern Afghanistan. Deadly flash flooding recently occurred in Saripul province. During the next week, locally heavy rain and snow melt is expected to prolong the threat of additional flash flooding across northern Afghanistan.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.

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